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Regarding our discussion this morning, 29 January, concerning your agreement to provide the House Armed Services Committee with a sanitized/unclassified version of your Worldwide Intelligence briefing statement, attached is the list of people I recommend you call and points I believe you should stress.

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- Representative Melvin Price (D., IL), Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, 225-5661
- Representative Bill Dickinson (R., AL), Ranking Minority Member, House Armed Services Committee, 225-2901
- o I have given the matter considerable thought and believe it would be unwise for me to comply with the request.
 - o If I were to sanitize my statement, I would be setting a precedent that I do not basically agree with.
 - o The classification level of my briefing statement as presented was TS/codeword and if it were even possible to declassify it, the remainder would probably be of little use to you.
 - o I do not believe that it is either the business nor the objective of the Intelligence Community to publish unclassified documents on intelligence issues and since assuming office I have reversed this previous trend of the Agency.
 - o The extensive effort involved is both unproductive and the result oftentimes misleading. I believe this to be especially true regarding my Worldwide briefing statement because it covers major issues throughout the world.
 - o My intent here is not to be uncooperative but rather to carry on a policy which I strongly believe in.
 - o I ask that you please inform the other Members of your Committee regarding my decision and express my regrets for any inconvenience this may pose for them.

After you have made these calls, I will have my staff contact John Ford, HASC Staff Director, to relay your decision on this matter.